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# Arkansas Motor Behicle Commission Shop Talk

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## **Commission License and Regulation Seminar Planned**

## From the Chair's Desk



The Commission will be offering a seminar FREE OF CHARGE to review the 2001 Legislative changes that effects the AMVC ACT as well as amendments to the Rules and Regu-

lations of the Commission.

The Commission encourages your attendance and that of your management personnel as well. We will review the AMVC law chapter by chapter and answer any questions you may have. We will also discuss possible interpretations and offer the Commission's informal opinion based on questions from participating dealers. In addition to the AMVC Law, the Rules and Regulations have been amended and we would like to explain the amendments and answer any questions you might have.

Also, the Commission will give you a sneak peak of our website that is scheduled to be introduced and available in May, 2002. The website was designed with simplicity in mind. There are numerous sections that should provide an outlet to your licensing personnel as well as answer simple questions, such as "What is necessary if I sell my dealership?" or "What is necessary if I relocate my dealership?" All of the applications required, bond forms, etc. will also be available for downloading and printing.

We will also be distributing copies of the current AMVC ACT that includes the 2001 Legislative Session changes as well as current Rules and Regulations with those amendments to be effective in May. The ACT and Rules and Regulations will be provided on CD's and hard copies may be requested. The Commission will provide one (1) CD and one (1) printed copy to each licensee annually. Due to expenses we will not be able to provide multiple copies, so please try to retain those that are given to you. The ACT as well as the Rules and Regulations will also be available on the Commission's Website.

Thank you to all that assisted with the most recent amendments to the Rules and Regulations. The meetings were very informative and productive.

Plan to attend our Seminar.

Thank You!

## YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND A SEMINAR NEAR YOU

The Commission will be conducting a Law & Regulation Seminar during the month of April. Please plan to attend the one closest to you. Space is limited, but the information we will give you is not! RSVP to Angie at the Commission office or email AMVC@mail.state.ar.us.

Each Seminar will begin at 3:00 ... you will set the pace and length of each seminar.

APRIL 3 APRIL 9

Robinson Center, Room 102, Little Rock Holiday Inn City Center, Ft. Smith

APRIL 10

Days Inn, Fayetteville **Arlington Hotel, Hot Springs** 

APRIL 16 APRIL 18

ASU Campus, Reng Student Center Choctaw Room, Jonesboro

## First Annual License Seminar Scheduled

## From the Director's Desk

While not a mandatory seminar, it is strongly recommended that dealer principals or select management personnel attend. Informative educational seminars prove to be helpful to key personnel when dealing with licensing or regulatory issues. As dealer principal you may not be aware of the many license or regulatory challenges your staff faces every day. If your management team is not sure who to turn to for assistance or what laws or regulation may be pertinent, your business may not be conducted as effectively as you would like. We hope to provide this service through this FREE seminar.



We also recognize that educational seminars can be quite boring and too long winded.....not ours! It will be factual information that will move as quickly as you, the attendee, desires. Your questions or concerns will be discussed and hopefully answered immediately before progressing. In other words, the seminar will progress at your pace ... not on our schedule.

This seminar will be informal and will entertain you as well as enlighten you about the laws and regulations that are everyday governing factors of your franchise and employees.

# New & Discontinued — Manufacturers/Distributors, Dealers & Lessors

Welcome to our new licensees.

## New:

## **MANUFACTURERS/DISTRIBUTORS:**

Bajaj USA – S. San Francisco, CA Dinli LP – Irving, TX Kawasaki Motors – Atlanta, GA Kobra – Russellville Reinmech Motor Co. – N. Richland Hills, TX Bajaj Scooters Dinli Scooters & ATV's Kawasaki Bikes Kobra Scooters & ATV's Motortek ATV's

# <u>Lines Added</u>

Byrd Marine – El Dorado Hubbard ATV – Russellville Landers Buick, Pontiac, GMC – Benton Added Suzuki Added Cannondale Added Hummer

Due to terminations and buy/sells the Commission office experiences record number of discontinued licenses. To those we bid a fond farewell and wishes for success.

#### DEALERS: Auto World – Searcy

Biker Fastlane – Little Rock Central Toyota – Jonesboro George Motes– Pine Bluff McClung's Best Equip. – Batesville Northland Hyundai – Sherwood Parker Audi – Little Rock Rhino Joes – Centerton Scooters USA – Hot Springs Steve Jones—Forrest City Thrills on Wheels – Conway Zhongyu & Geely MC's & ATV's Big Dog Motorcycles Toyota Dodge, Chrysler, Jeep Arctic Cat ATV's Hyundai Audi Polaris & Victory Leisure Bikes, Sundiro & Bajaj C-P-B-Cadillac & GMC Zhongyu & Geely

#### Branch License

Best Buy Here Pay Here - Bentonville / Best Motor Company Best Buy Here Pay Here – Springdale / Best Motor Company Mike Clayton Auto Sales - Malvern / Mike Clayton Buick, Pontiac & GMC Wayne Farley Motor Company - Jonesboro / Wayne Farley Motor Company Frank Fletcher Pre-Owned Vehicles - Bentonville / Frank Fletcher Honda Tim Hurd Pre-Owned Center – Fayetteville / Tim Hurd Lincoln Mercury I-40 Auto Outlet - Morrilton / Allison Ford Mena Motor Company – Mena / Mena Ford Murphy Used Cars – Hamburg / Crossett Ford Lincoln Mercury Nebo 2 Auto Center - Russellville / Nebo Chevrolet Nunnally North - Bella Vista / George Nunnally Chevrolet Putnam Pre-owned Cars – Ft. Smith / Putnam Automotive Group Putnam Pre-owned Cars – Ft. Smith / Putnam Automotive Group Putnam Pre-owned Cars – Ft. Smith / Putnam Automotive Group Rhodes Value Center - Van Buren / Rhodes Chevrolet Smith's Car Choice - Van Buren / Smith Chrysler, Oldsmobile, Cadillac Red Taylor Auto Sales - Corning / Red Taylor Auto Sales Floyd Traylor Motor Company - Ft. Smith / Floyd Traylor Motor Company Triple Crown Auto – Harrison / Hudspeth Motors White River Auto Sales - Newport / George Kell Motors



## **Discontinued:**

Advantage Enterprises - White Pigeon, MI Roetzels RV Center - N. Little Rock Aprilla USA - Woodstock, GA REV Regional Sales - Russellville Arkansas Boating Center – Heber Springs Rhino Joe's – Centerton (sold out) Arkansas Bus Sales - Pine Bluff Thrills on Wheels - Perryville Bud's Auto Parts - Prescott Tomas Products - Spartanburg, CA Flippo Motors - Forrest City Transportation South - Pelham, IN Great Outdoors - Jonesboro Unique Conversions - Mansfield, TX Kawasaki Motors – Ft. Worth, TX War Eagle of AR - Pine Bluff Kopco - Ft. Smith Zephyr Van Conversions - Bogart, GA Mack Trucks - Morrow, GA Mosley Rigdon - Magnolia Murphy Ford – Hamburg Pine Bluff CJD - Pine Bluff Rexhall Industries - Lancaster, CA

## **Tune Up — Employee Certificates of Licensure**

There has been some confusion regarding license certificates of Sales personnel, Management, Finance and Manufacturers Representatives. In the 2001 Session, the license for these positions became an annual certificate of license. This permits the licensed employee the privilege of working at any licensed new motor vehicle dealer, manufacturer or distributor without transferring their license. The License is issued to the individual not the employer.

The certificates should be given to the employee named on the face of the certificate. These licenses are not transferable to other dealerships and should be in the possession of the employee. The employer is encouraged to keep a copy in their office and report to us when an employee leaves.

Employees must also submit legible copies of their Social Security Card (SSC) and current and valid drivers license. If the employee does not want to mail these documents, they may appear in person at the Commission office for verification. These documents are being protected and are not a part of the Freedom of Information Act. The numbers are not and will not be viewed by any outside business or person. This information is strictly used for identification (Drivers License) and eligibility to work. (a document indentified by the INS—SSC.) Upon final verification, the documents will be shredded or returned to the

employee for destroying.

If the SSC is not available, a statement to that affect is acceptable but the employee must submit a copy of the card upon the next renewal.

By issuing an annual license it will save the dealership personnel valuable time and paperwork while also renewing the dealership's license

The Employee license is valid through June 2003. From that point , the renewal date will be June 30 of each calendar year



## **REPAIR COSTS**

"Repair Costs" were issued for proven or admitted violations to the AMVC Law and/or Rules and Regulations. The following is a list of Alternative Proceedings and Administrative Actions with the disposition of each.

## ALTERNATIVE PROCEEDINGS

## For the Period January—March, 2002

02-001 Whitson-Morgan, Advertising, \$1000 penalty-paid



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## **ADMINISTRATIVE**

#### **HEARING / ACTIONS ACTIVE**



01-004 Hagans Dodge—Advertising—appeal in Conway County

01-005 Truman Baker—Advertising- \$1000.00 penalty- paid

01-008 AMVC—Rules & Regulations — Cont'd to March 27

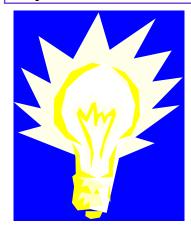
02-001 Ryburn vs. Daimler Chrysler-March 27

02-002 Crain vs. Ford and Fletcher Tate—April 24-26

02-003 JT Honda vs. Polaris—May 15

02-004 Reeder Simco vs. Volvo Truck-June 19

## **Shop Talk**



# **Bright Lights**

## Commission's next meeting is

March 27, 2002

#### **Commission Office**

101 East Capitol, Little Rock



#### IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

#### ALL MEETINGS BEGIN AT 9:30 AT THE COMMISISON

OFFICE UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED.

March 27, 2002 Commission Meeting, Reg. 5 amendment hearing

Ryburn vs. Daimler Chrysler

April 24-26 Commission Meeting

Crain vs. Ford and Fletcher Tate

May 15 Commission Meeting

JT Honda vs. Polaris

## REMINDER TO OUR LICENSEES

The Commission typically meets the third Wednesday of each month. All meetings and hearings of the Commission are open to the public. We only ask if you desire to be placed on the agenda, please notify the Commission Office at least 3—5 days prior to the meeting so proper arrangements may be made.

Feel free to contact the office with any questions, inquiries or concerns you might have.



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